(*a*) the number of parties to whom permission has been given to clear forests of either firewood or timber;

(*b*) the areas in which such permits have been given; and

(*c*) the approximate tonnage of timber and firewood cleared so far, if the figures are available?

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(*a, b and c*) As the period has not been specified it is not possible to furnish the answers.

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD

*88. [13] **Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how far have the measures taken here to attain self-sufficiency in food by 1951 progressed.

(*b*) whether this State could be self-sufficient in food by 1951;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the negative what according to Government will be the percentage of deficit in 1951;

(*d*) whether the 1951 self-sufficiency policy will still be applicable to this State notwithstanding such deficiency?

*Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture*
**(Sri. E. John Philipose :)**

(*a*)

| Schemes | Area brought under cultivation (acres) | Estimated production of food (tons) Rice |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Land Reclamation | 32,800 | .. |
| 2. Minor Irrigation | 60,000 | 1,775 |
| 3. Lift Irrigation | 18,700 | 8,000 |
| 4. Major Irrigation | 3,000 | 1,500 |
| 5. Distribution of fertilisers | | 17,834 |
| 6. Improved Seeds—Supply o | | 314 |

(*b*) No.

(*c*) About 50 per cent.

(*d*) Yes. As it is an All-India policy applicable to all the States of the Union. But it does not imply that every small part of India will become self-sufficient within itself.

## PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

*89. [14] **Sri. Joseph Mathen:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education and Labour be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the decisions arrived at in the joint meeting of the Government and the representatives of the management and teachers of the private secondary schools are to take effect without any modification;

(*b*) have the management afterwards approached the Government for the reconsideration of any of the clauses of the decision?

*Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies*
**(Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon):** (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

## TEXT BOOKS

*90. [15] **Sri. Joseph Mathen:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education and Labour be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that many of the text books for the English schools in the State were received very late this year;

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